

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Melissa Denton Smith upon being inducted into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those gifted athletes, coaches, and administrators who have attained the very pinnacle of sporting achievement; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Denton Smith is one such legendary athlete, who was recently inducted into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame in the athletes and coaches division; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is surely among the most skilled athletes in the history of the Celina High School girls' basketball team, having played from 1991-1994. The teams she played on boasted a collective record of 104-33, advanced to the State Tournament three years in a row, and finished as State Runners-up twice; individually, Melissa Smith ranks among the Top 15 scorers with 1,201 career points and in the Top 10 for both rebounds and steals with 581 and 232, respectively; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and honors, Melissa Smith was awarded second team All-Conference, All-District Tournament, Region Tournament MVP, and All-Midstate Honorable Mention her junior year, in addition to second team All-Conference, All-District Tournament, All-Region Tournament, All-State Tournament, second team All-Midstate, and All-State Honorable Mention her senior year. She then played on scholarship at Cleveland State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Denton Smith demonstrated leadership, skill, and athleticism on the basketball court, and she should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Melissa Denton Smith upon being inducted into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.